

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks public comments on a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed extension of Runway 21 at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport in Albemarle County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 5, 2007 through November 19, 2007.

TYPE OF RESPONSE: DEQ is reviewing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed runway extension as a component of the airport's License Modification Application.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT: The Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport has submitted a License Modification Application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Virginia Department of Aviation (DoAv).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Draft EA has been prepared to address the range of potential environmental impacts that could result from the implementation of the proposed extension of Runway 21 and associated improvements. The Draft EA includes the systematic gathering of a comprehensive range of technical and scientific data, identification of a range of reasonable alternatives, analysis of potential economic, social and environmental impacts and development of mitigation measures to ensure consistency with the goals and objectives of such planning have been carried out by the community. In accordance with public notification requirements, notice is hereby given that the Proposed Project would result in the filling of approximately 0.1 to 0.2 acres of wetlands.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: DEQ's Office of Environmental Impact Review coordinates the Commonwealth's response to environmental documents for proposed state and federal projects. DEQ distributes the documents to appropriate state agencies, planning districts and localities for their review and comment. Upon consideration of all comments, DEQ prepares a single state response.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or U.S. Mail (see below). All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's Central Office in Richmond (below) and at the following locations:

- Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, 100 Bowen Loop, Charlottesville, Virginia 22911
- Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, 201 E. Market Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
- Northside Branch Library, 300 Albemarle Square, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901
- Virginia Department of Aviation, 5702 Gulfstream Road, Richmond, Virginia 23250

- Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia 20166

A Joint Public Hearing on the Draft EA will be hosted by DEQ in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and DoAv for the purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and State licensing requirements (Section 5.1 of the Code of Virginia). Anyone desiring to be heard in support of, or in opposition to, this proposed action may attend and have their comments considered by DEQ and DoAv.

Date: November 5, 2007

Time: Informational Workshop between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 PM

Location: Best Western Charlottesville Airport Inn & Suites
5920 Seminole Trail, Ruckersville, Virginia 22968

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